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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Rosen	Art Unit:
Serial No.:	09/296,662 - Case No. 20221Y	1644
Filed:	April 22, 1999	Examiner:
For:	AUTOANTIGENIC FRAGMENTS, METHODS AND ASSAYS	Nolan

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

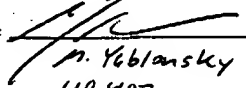
Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction dated November 30, 2000.  
Applicant Petitions for an Extension of Time of ONE MONTH, up to and including January 02, 2001, for the filing of this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2755 for the Petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Petition.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING TRANSMITTED  
BY FACSIMILE TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
ON THE DATE APPEARING BELOW.

MERCK & CO., INC.

BY:  DATE: 01/02/01  
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